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Mr. Amigo charms crowd

By A.D. Rocha

Staff Writer

Inclement weather failed to dampen the university's reception for Cesar Costa, Mr. Amigo 2001.

Amid a steady drizzle last Thursday, festivities kicked off with a parade through the UTB/TSC campus that was led by the Perkins Middle School LOTC Color Guard Band and Drill Team.

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About a dozen golf carts, colorfully decorated with crepe flowers, sombreros and sarapes and costumed employees, made their way from Tandy Hall to the SET-B Lecture Hall.

"It's great ... we were here late yesterday trying to finish [decorating the golf cart]," said Cynthia Herrera, a secretary in the Business Affairs Division.

"We're anxious to start ... the main couldn't stop us," said Yolanda Chapa, of Continuing Education and Workforce Training, who awaited the start of the procession.

Administrators on scooters



Mr. Amigo 2001 Cesar Costa greets the crowd in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Looking on is Dr. Victor Gonzalez, president of the Mr. Amigo Association.

showed their spirit, while Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs José Martín and Ruth Ann Ragland, associate vice president for

Academic Affairs, danced along the parade route.

The main celebration was to have

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SGA votes to approve online voting

By Alfredo Norberto

Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has voted unanimously to approve a resolution that would bring online voting to UTB/TSC.

At its Feb. 21 meeting, the SGA executive council discussed and voted to hire El Export, a firm specializing in online voting, to handle this task for future elections held at the university.

The proposal is designed to curtail low voter turnout SGA elections and other referendums have had in the past. Last semester's election on the new SGA constitution had only 6.29 percent of the student population at the time turning out to vote. If voting goes online, students would be able to access the service anywhere through the Internet, seven days a week, 24 hours a day for the time allotted for the election. The SGA hopes this will increase voter turnout.

El Export will require a \$350, one-time setup fee that will be split among the Office of Student Activities, the Office of the Dean of Students and the SGA. After this, the university will be able to use the services on any election it decides to hold. El Export will charge a 35-cent fee for every vote cast. In SGA elections, the SGA will be responsible for these fees.

In other business:

—Director of Student Health Services Hector Iracheta gave a presentation detailing the history of the Office of Student Health Services. He said the office grew from a small, three-room office in Cavalry Hall, which was handling less than 700 patient visits a year in 1994, to the present facility at the Cortex building, which handled about 500 patient visits a month last semester. He also explained how the office has more complete services, such as a nurse practitioner and a Class D pharmacy license to issue prescription medication to students.

Iracheta also spoke about the

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Grab the shades, head for the Island

By Josie Chávez

Staff Writer

Are you ready for Spring Break? OK, you have the essentials: bathing suit, shades, funny-looking hat, a grand smile and a weeklong agenda with South Padre Island written all over it.

More than 180,000 Spring Breakers visited the Island last year, said Ray Kendall, South Padre Island city manager.

Sure, there is the usual partying, the mass of college students willing to spend all of their semester's savings on obscenely large straw hats—and who

wouldn't like that? But, guys and gals who slur out the word "tequila" won't be the only ones to hit the Island.

Spring Break fever has hit South Padre Island hard as many of the hot spots prepare to welcome the visitors, South Texas style.

Wells Marketing & Promotions and the College Students of America will sponsor "Freedom 2002," which will attempt to break two world records: The World's Largest Cocktail, 7,000 gallons; and The World's Largest Dance, 5,000 people, set to begin March 11. The Baha Men, famous for their "Who Let the Dogs Out" single, will be the first to perform at the

dance. These two events will take place at Club Rio.

The Coca-Cola stage will be set behind the Radisson Resort. This is where most of the crowds hang out, proudly displaying their university flags and enjoying the great scenery. The soft-drink giant will also set up the Coca-Cola Stage Front, Coca-Cola Beach Soccer, Sprite Basketball and Fanta Water Wars.

Other places that are sure to provide great entertainment are Louie's Backyard, Krusty's, Tequila Sunset and Waiana-Waiana's at the Island Inn.

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On Campus

INS fee increases hit

Briefs

The Financial Assistance Office will help students fill their financial aid applications from noon to 9 p.m. today in the Student Center. Department officials will answer your questions about scholarships, grants or loans. Free tax preparation also will be provided from 1 to 6 p.m. by the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Bring your W-2 forms and other tax information. The event also will feature movies, popcorn, soft drinks and prizes.

The Gorgas Science Society will meet at 12:15 p.m. today at the Shogard Conference Room in the biology wing of the Life and Health Sciences building. For more information, send an e-mail to gorgassociety@yahoo.com.

Counselor Ricardo Ayala will conduct a Food for the Soul, Food for the Body workshop titled "Being Assertive" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Student Health Services, located in the Cortez Building, Conference Room 204. For more information, call 544-8292.

The Learning Assistance Center will conduct a workshop titled "Time Management" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in North Hall 122. For more information, call 544-8208.

There will be a Student Government Association meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room, located in the Student Center.

Sticky Fingers, a Rolling Stones tribute band, will perform at 8 p.m. March 16 at the Jacob Brown Auditorium. Tickets (\$10 and \$15) are on sale at the Boot Jack, Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau and Brownsville Chamber of Commerce. Tickets also can be purchased by phone with a credit card through the bureau at 546-3721 or the chamber at 542-4341.

During the week of March 18, two graduate students from the Master of Sciences in Public Health Nursing Program will be conducting an anonymous student health needs survey. The survey will be distributed during pre-selected core curriculum courses. The outcomes of the survey will be used to develop health educational programs through the UTB/TSC Student Health Services. Students are encouraged to participate. For more information, send an e-mail to mross59960@aol.com.

If you would like your club, organization or department news published in the Briefs section, please call Josie Chávez at 544-8263, e-mail her at collegian@utb.utb.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the March 18 issue is 5 p.m. today.

By Ildefonso Ortiz
Tiempo Nuevo Editor

International students and others who might need documents from the Immigration and Naturalization Service will need to dig deeper into their pockets to pay for an increase in the federal agency's processing fees.

The increases were announced Dec. 21, 2001 and went into effect on Feb. 19.

A news release from the INS states, "Federal guidelines require INS to review fees every two years to ensure that it is recovering the costs of providing immigration services, rather than supporting those services with tax revenue. INS last reviewed and revised fees in Fiscal Year 1999. The average fee increase of \$20 per application adjusts for inflation and recovers the costs of infrastructure investments that are not included in the current fee levels. The fee adjustment

provides INS with the funding needed to process new immigration petitions and applications in a timely manner."

Thelma G. Sullivan, international student counselor at UTB/TSC, said the timeliness of INS in processing paperwork has been getting worse, so she is hopeful the fee increase will expedite matters.

"I remember seeing the Texas Service Center in Mesquite, which services Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana," Sullivan said.

"We would order a document and we would get it in three months. Now I'm happy if I see it in six."

Some of the increases might be higher than expected.

"The average increase is from \$20 to \$25, but some will be up to \$50," Sullivan said.

She said those affected are people who are in the pipeline

for processing.

"Residents planning to become citizens ... people seeking [residency] ... or graduating students who are seeking their work permit," Sullivan said.

Currently, the fees will affect only three or four international students who are graduating this spring, the counselor said.

However, she did not know the number of students who are residents or are seeking citizenship.

In addition to these fees, Sullivan said that next year international students will have to get an ID card that will electronically track each time they enter or leave the country. The cost of that service has not been announced.

Sullivan said the measure is part of the new anti-terrorist act, which will allow INS to keep better track of people entering and leaving the

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'Diamonds' shine during ceremony

By John Strubelt
Collegian Editor

UTB/TSC inducted its first class of individuals who contributed significantly to the growth and expansion of Texas Southmost College. Diamonds Among Us, an awards ceremony to recognize the "accomplishments and legacy of men and women who worked quietly but well on behalf of higher education in South Texas" was held Feb. 23 in the SET-B Lecture Hall before a crowd of more than 300.

"This university has been built, sustained and advanced by the selfless actions of special people, who from 1926 have steadfastly advocated for the growth of higher education in the Lower Rio Grande Valley," UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia said. "During this anniversary year, we have pledged to

honor individuals that have stood out in the collective memories of students, of staff, of faculty and of this community."

Short videos were shown to tell the story of these "diamonds" and the impact they had on the community.

The first "diamond" recognized was O.V. Lawrence, a well-respected doctor who played an integral role in the establishment of the Junior College of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Lawrence was a member of the Brownsville School board of trustees when it established the junior college. He also helped develop the college board of trustees and served as its president from 1921 to 1940.

During the most trying days of the Depression, enrollment dropped and the board of trustees was forced to pay teachers in script. Lawrence personally guaran-

teed the script.

"During those college years when it was hard to come up with the money, he personally sponsored a number of scholarships for students he felt were worthy of giving a chance to attend college," historian Bruce Aiken said in the video. "He personally took care of those, which I think is very much a reflection of the kind of man he was."

Also recognized was Barbara T. Warburton, who was a professor of Zoology. Warburton grew up during the Depression and her father died when she was young. To support the family, her mother moved to the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico to teach. It was there that she gained a love of nature and science. She began teaching biology at the junior college in 1943. Eventually she was appointed department chair.



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Margarita Barradas (left), who served as the first director of the Vocational Nursing Program for TSC from 1968 to 1991, receives an award from UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia during the Diamonds Among Us ceremony held Feb. 23 in the SET-B Lecture Hall.

In 1947, she founded the Gorgas Science Society, which exists to this day.

But she is perhaps most remembered for developing Rancho del Cielo, a biology field station in northeastern Mexico.

"Not everything comes from books," Warburton once said. "Students can learn outside the classroom, like in field laboratories."

Desiderio "Desi" Rios was also recognized as a Diamond Among Us. Rios had a great passion for technical education and taught in Brownsville schools for many years. His students won many awards and he himself was named Outstanding Vocational-Industrial Teacher in 1958.

He joined TSC in 1968 and as vice president of the Vocational Technical division he helped build an exceptional vocational and occupational educational program.

Margarita Barradas, the only living "diamond," devoted nearly 40 years of her life to nursing. In 1955 she began working at Brownsville's Mercy Hospital and was also a volunteer instructor at the

Canales School of Vocational Nursing.

In 1968, she became the first director of the Vocational Nursing Program at TSC and held that position until her retirement in 1991.

"She was like a mother in a way, but in another way she was very professional," Ofelia Hess said in the video. Hess was enrolled in the first LVN program at TSC and now serves as a lecturer of Vocational Nursing for TSC.

Barradas helped establish an associate degree program for nursing. She also developed and expanded nursing education to the Upper Valley.

Finally, the university recognized Eloise Ely Sweeney, who founded the Lower Rio Grande Valley Nursing Scholarship Fund. Since 1989, this fund has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to more than 300 students in the nursing programs at UTB/TSC.

"This was our chance to look back and reflect on the people that built this university," said Special Assistant to the President Olivia Rivas, who organized the event.

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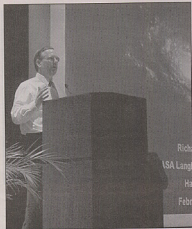
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On Campus

NASA scientist gives students lowdown on projects



Richard S. Pappa

By Jamie Standeford
Staff Writer

Richard S. Pappa, senior research engineer at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., visited the university Feb. 25 to talk with top eighth-grade students from Vela Middle School.

"It's not unusual that we go to schools and talk to the students, it's usually graduate science students," Pappa said. "I see this as a responsibility I have to share with others in what we are doing. It's part of my job."

Pappa, who has been working with NASA for the last 25 years, has a long list of achievements. Having written more than 88 technical publications on his discoveries, Pappa has not only developed motion tracking on the International Space Station and set the basis for a novel laser device to allow unmanned navigation, but he

also has co-developed a software program that analyzes structural vibrations in spacecraft.

One of many projects the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is working on is the Gossamer Spacecraft Research and Development Program. This program was created to find ways to make spacecrafts of the future very lightweight. New materials and new structural concepts, including inflatables, offer the possibility of creating space structures that are orders of magnitude larger and/or lighter than existing ones.

"It's very tricky building something this big so that it can fold into a small package. Everything that goes into space is limited by the size of the rocket that it goes in. Not only does it have a certain physical size, but every pound of mass costs about \$10,000 to lift," Pappa said.

Progressions in technology will enable researchers to develop many new missions

within the span of five to 30 years; for instance, inflatable habitats for the International Space Station or for future lunar and planetary exploration space solar power collectors and transmitters that are hundreds or even thousands of meters in size, next generation space telescopes with large membrane sunshields for passive cooling and even orbital transfer vehicles with large inflatable concentrators for solar thermal propulsion.

Pappa hopes that his visit will encourage young science students to become a part of the NASA program. Students who excel in mathematics, science and computers or even those who have an interest in aerospace and engineering might want to visit its Web site at <http://education.nasa.gov> to find out more information.

"The future of this technology to do what we hope it will do will need a lot more trained specialists," Pappa said.

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country.

Alain Lefort, a senior manufacturing engineering technology major from Matamoros who will be applying for a work permit, expressed his discontent with the fee increase.

"I don't know how they justify the increase for submitting an application," Lefort said. "It seems like they are doing this to make it more difficult for foreigners to get a visa."

He also criticized the service that he has received from INS agents.

"It's not the system that needs improvement, it's the quality of their people," he said. "Just because we're Mexicans doesn't mean that we are inferior or deserve to be treated rudely. It's not their system they need to change, but their people and their mentality."

He also said that he has no problem paying for the ID card that will keep better track of the entries and departures.

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to name a few.

Security will be beefed up to ensure safety for all.

"Lots and lots of police, we bring about 100 extra officers, the [Texas] Department of Public Safety will bring in about 100 extra officers, the [Cameron County] sheriff will be here with additional resources," Kendall said. "We set up two EMS operations in the south end of the island and outside City Hall, as well as fire personnel.

No open containers will be allowed between the 700 block of Padre Boulevard and Amberjack Street, the city manager said.

"There are some new laws that they should be aware of," Kendall said. "People under 18 years of age cannot ride in the back of a pickup truck, no open containers are permitted in a vehicle, no loitering is permitted and they can't hang outside of vehicles—for security measures—it's very dangerous."

During all the fun and new experiences you will go through, you should keep your body healthy by visiting several restaurants that offer great service and satisfaction. You might think there is no room on the agenda for food, but if you want to make it through the week, you must eat. Some great places you might want to visit include Blackbeards', Amberjack's, Bayside Bar & Grill, Dolphin Cove Oyster Bar, Scampi's Restaurant and Bar and the

Sea Ranch Restaurant.

Who can resist such a great atmosphere so close to home? For *Him* magazine has listed South Padre Island as the No. 3 place to be during Spring Break.

Several UTBTSC students plan to forget about school for a week and concentrate on having fun.

"I'll probably rent a room at the Island, have fun, party, and get drunk," said Elizabeth Monterrubio, a criminal justice major.

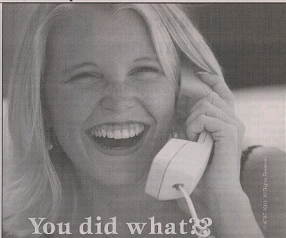
While students like Monterrubio plan to party, other students like Leyla Fitzgerald, a senior business major, plan to dedicate Spring Break to schoolwork.

"One of my professors has assigned me a 10-page research paper, so I'll probably be doing that," Fitzgerald said.

No matter what your plans are for Spring Break, the most important thing is to be safe and responsible. Take advantage of the free transportation services to be provided at the Island or assign designated drivers. If you can do this, you'll have a wonderful experience and great stories to tell when you get back home.

"Basically, we just want [the Spring Breakers] to drink smart, play smart, party smart and obey the laws so you can go home and tell your stories," Kendall said.

For more activities, concert dates and information about South Padre Island, visit its Web site at <http://www.springbreak.spsdri.com>.



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On Campus

Math alliance meets on campus

Special to The Collegian

Representatives from eight universities met here recently to plan future activities for the Southwest Texas Mathworks Outreach Alliance.

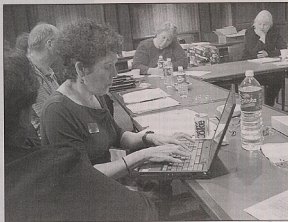
Universities in the alliance, which conducted a conference Feb. 22-23, partner with local school districts to provide yearlong teacher and student training in mathematics.

The group's mission is to raise the level of mathematical ability for students of all backgrounds. The alliance integrates innovative mathematics curriculum, special outreach programs, and student-teacher training. The primary objectives are to develop model programs for

training students and teacher in summer math camps, to develop a model program for preparing young students for algebra, and build a coalition of schools, universities and school districts to work together to promote systemic change.

This summer, Southwest Texas and UTB/TSC will join together to offer math camp for professional development for about 100 public school teachers and 400 students.

Members of the alliance are UTB/TSC, Southwest Texas, Austin Community College, Texas A&M University-Laredo, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas Southern University and Ohio State University.



Nadina Duran (from left), of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; Susan O'Connor and Joyce Fischer, both of Southwest Texas, participate in a conference of the Southwest Texas Mathworks Outreach Alliance Feb. 22-23 in SET-B.

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Peaceful resolution: a lesson learned from King

By Alfredo Norberto

Staff Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the most influential leaders of the last century. His commitment to finding a peaceful, fair and dignified resolution to the civil rights problems in America catapulted him to the forefront of world politics.

Ethel Cantu, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences and director of the Conflict Resolution Center, spoke on some of the methods King used to achieve peaceful resolution during a lecture Feb. 21 at the SET-B Lecture Hall.

Cantu opened her addressing the problems King faced when he started working as a civil rights activist. She spoke of the problem segregation posed on minorities across the United States, even places like the Valley.

"Colored didn't just mean African-American," Cantu said. "It meant people of all colors other than white, and that meant Mexican-Americans as

well. My husband remembers reading the want ads in San Antonio as young man looking for a job—the ad said, 'only Anglos need apply.'"

Cantu also detailed other cases of discrimination people close to her had experienced, such as when her in-laws were denied an apartment that had already been promised to them when the landlord saw her mother-in-law, who had dark skin.

The professor described how these injustices caused a "righteous anger" in King.

"He channeled that anger into productive protest designed to bring about social change. He adopted the nonviolent philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi," Cantu said.

Cantu said King's approach differed radically from those of other African-American activists of the period, like the Black Panthers, who saw violence as the only way to achieve this social change.

Cantu noted how conflict is a part of any relationship, but that conflicts can be destructive,



Ethel Cantu

which leads to damaged relationships, or constructive, which lead to improved relationships and personal growth, and it was the latter philosophy King and Gandhi adhered to.

What King did best, Cantu said, was to focus on improving relationships with government officials and people in influential positions to get them to help improve the situation. He also tried to reach across color lines and tried to get white people involved.

"He was very conciliatory, reaching across to the other side to try to involve them also,

so they all could win, not just a few," Cantu said.

Cantu then noted how King used the same tactics Gandhi used during the Indian revolution. Foremost in these beliefs was the use of nonviolent tactics. Some of the principles Gandhi used in his efforts were: strong leadership committed to the use of nonviolence and strict discipline. He also used special types of protests, such as boycotts and hunger strikes, to bring attention to the plight of his people, something King also used effectively in America. They also tried to focus on a single issue; and finally, Gandhi urged disclosure of their tactics so they could not be misinterpreted.

King and Gandhi's idea was that nonviolent protest would lead to a nonviolent response. However, if violence is used to respond, this reflects negatively only on the people using violence and creates support for the nonviolent protester.

"What Martin Luther King believed is that right and fairness cannot be compromised,

and he further believed that enemies and opponents can work to produce better solutions," said Cantu.

Cantu also said King developed six principles of nonviolence:

—Nonviolence is not passive, but requires courage.

—Nonviolence seeks reconciliation, not defeat of an adversary.

—Nonviolent action is directed at eliminating evil, not destroying evil-doers.

—Willingness to accept suffering for the cause is necessary, but inflicting it never is.

—A rejection of hatred, animosity, or violence of the spirit as well as refusing to commit violence.

—Faith the community will prevail.

Finally, Cantu offered some Web sites where more of the ideas of both Gandhi and King can be further studied: www.thekingcenter.org, www.thegandhi.org/group/king, www.midsouth.rr.com/civilrights and www.gandhiinstitute.org.

Campus Police Report

A car accident, a slashed tire and an employee bitten by an insect are among the incidents reported by Campus Police for the week of Feb. 18-24.

At 12:08 p.m. Feb. 19, a red Ford F-150 and a Black Feed Ranger collided at the North Hall student parking. No injuries were reported.

At 6:30 p.m. the same day, a student reported that the left rear tire of his vehicle had been punctured. The student had parked his vehicle at the general parking lot between Taylor and May streets at 4:15 p.m.

On Feb. 20, Campus Police responded to a call concerning a student who was vomiting on the South Lawn. According to the report, the student had experienced this before and refused medical attention.

At 6:48 p.m. the same day, a purse was found at a restroom in South Hall. The items in the purse included a Voice Stream cell phone, an ID, wallet and a makeup kit.

On Feb. 21, several books and notebooks were found in SET-B 2.414.

At 5 p.m. the same day, a set of keys was found on the second floor of South Hall.

At 7 p.m., a set of keys was found in the SET-B student parking lot.

At 10:05 p.m., a student reported losing her cell phone in the women's restroom on the first floor of SET-B.

At 2:20 a.m. Feb. 22, a custodian went to Campus Police after being stung on the left forearm by an unknown insect while cleaning a room at the Life and Health Sciences Building. He was advised to go to Student Health Services if the forearm did not improve.

—*Staffwriter Ortiz*

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audience
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CHRIS ANDERSON/Collegian

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taken place on the South Lawn at 10 a.m., but was moved because of the rain to the SET-B Lecture Hall, causing a nearly two-hour delay.

Before a packed auditorium and stringent security, the presentation of Mr. Amigo 2001 began with entertainment provided by the Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán de UTB/TSC. Also performing were the Mariachi Escorpion and the Mariachi Gala de México, who had the audience singing along to the popular hit, "Yo No Fui."

The audience grew impatient during commercial breaks since the presentation was being recorded for later broadcast on XHFOX-Channel 17.

When Cesar Costa was finally introduced, a standing ovation greeted him.

UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia handed Costa a plaque recognizing him for "outstanding achievement in establishing friendly relations and communications between Mexico and the U.S."

"I am very moved ...very happy to be here with you at this moment and to tell all you students that I congratulate you and that it is important to be aware that the future for a better society is in you and the only way to achieve it is through study and preparation," Costa said in Spanish. "I appreciate this plaque and it is important to me because I have been a student also, and because we are in the heart of knowledge."

He also congratulated the university on its 75th anniversary.

Each year, Brownville's Mr. Amigo Association honors a Mexican citizen based on his or her contribution to international friendship and development of mutual understanding and cooperation between the United States and Mexico. The Mr. Amigo events on and off campus are held in conjunction with the city's Chero Days celebration.

Costa, an actor, singer and talk show host, earned a law degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Although many in the audience chanted for him to sing, Mr. Amigo graciously declined. Others in the audience addressed him as "Abuelo Soltero (Single Grandfather)," a reference to his former TV show "Papá Soltero (Single Dad)." Costa jovially responded that it would be better to leave the title as "Papá Soltero II (Single Dad II)".

Student Government Association President Ana Pérez nervously presented Costa with a bouquet of flowers.

As Costa said goodbye, fans flocked to the foot of the stage, trying to shake his hand. Brownsville resident Amelia Rodriguez tugged at Costa's hand, pleading for a photo.

"[He's] my favorite artist from adolescence," Rodriguez said. "He still looks very good ... despite time passing, he remains the same."

Despite the favorable reaction to Costa, there was disappointment when emcee Juan Carlos Vazquez, a talk show host for Vallesión, announced that Matamoros Special Guest Fernando Colunga would not make the scheduled appearance.

UTB/TSC student Nancy Salazar was pleased with Costa, but had hoped to see Colunga as well.

"I'm really disappointed because I didn't go to my class to come see Fernando Colunga and Cesar Costa. ... [Colunga] disappointed all of us here in school and in Brownsville."

Another spectator was also upset about Colunga's no-show.

"He can't do this to us!" exclaimed Elsa Garza. "We drop what we are ... doing to attend [and] it's sad because these festivities are special to all Mexicans and when they make the promise to come they should do so."

Mr. Amigo



CHRIS AZULAN/COLLEGIAN

Brownsville Mayor Blanca S. Vela reads a proclamation honoring Mr. Amigo 001 at City Hall.



ARMIE GONZALEZ/COLLEGIAN

The Perkins Middle School Drill Team takes part in the parade, which began at Tandy Hall and ended at SET-R.



CHRIS AZULAN/COLLEGIAN

Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán performs a polka.



CHRIS AZULAN/COLLEGIAN

UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia presents a plaque to Cesar Costa.

Tiempo Nuevo

Fiesta de Mr. Amigo hace feliz a 'Papá Soltero'

Por Hldefonso Ortiz

Editor de *Tiempo Nuevo*

Cesar Costa, Mr. Amigo 2001, comenzó el jueves pasado siendo recibido en el Puente Internacional Gateway, por representantes de Brownsville y Matamoros.

Al terminar la ceremonia, Costa viajó por autobús especial al Palacio Municipal de Brownsville para otra ceremonia, después de la cual visitó el campus de UTB/TSC.

Antes de llegar al campus Costa habló con El Collegian sobre el honor de poder participar en una celebración de este tipo.

"Es una gran emoción y me siento muy agradecido por este reconocimiento de carrera", dijo Costa. "Y la verdad no me esperaba que el trato fuera tan cariñoso de parte del público y ser participe de un evento tan importante, bueno de una serie de eventos como esto del puente que se me hace maravilloso, así que estoy muy contento".



CORRI AVILA/COLLEGIAN

Cesar Costa es escoltado por elementos del Departamento de Policía de Brownsville el pasado jueves al asistir a una ceremonia en su honor en el Puente Internacional Gateway. En dicha ceremonia representantes de ambas ciudades Brownsville y Matamoros, intercambiaron banderas y otorgaron regalos conmemorativos a Mr. Amigo y al invitado de

honor de Matamoros Fernando Colunga. Después de dicha recepción ambos huéspedes partieron a la Presidencia Municipal para otra ceremonia para después asistir a la celebración que se celebró en el campus. Colunga se retiró después de la ceremonia en la Presidencia Municipal y no asistió al campus.

El dijo que quiere que la gente entienda lo maravilloso que es que las naciones se unan.

"Yo creo que es un maravilloso ejemplo esta búsqueda de fusionar las dos culturas, de estrecharse las manos, de resolver conjuntamente problemas que son lógicos en cualquier frontera", dijo Costa. "Yo creo que es un ejemplo para todo el mundo".

Costa también habló sobre seguir los sueños.

"Que hagan lo que quieren en la vida, pero que lo hagan con pasión", el dijo. "Yo creo que en la vida cuando no hay pasión, no hay entrega. Es una vida muy aburrida, se pierde mucha intensidad. Yo creo que es muy importante lo que escogen hacer en la vida, hacerlo con esa entrega y ese compromiso".

El invitado especial de Matamoros Fernando Colunga estuvo presente en las celebraciones en el puente y el Palacio Municipal, más no asistió a la recepción en el campus de UTB/TSC.

Incremento en cuotas de INS causa enojo a varios

Por Hldefonso Ortiz

Editor de *Tiempo Nuevo*

Estudiantes internacionales y otros que necesiten documentos del Servicio de Naturalización e Inmigración necesitarán eschar en sus bolsillos para pagar un incremento en las cuotas de la agencia federal.

Los incrementos fueron anunciados el 21 de diciembre del 2001 y se implementaron el 19 de febrero.

Un boletín de prensa de la agencia dice "Reglamentos federales requieren que el INS revise las cuotas cada dos años para asegurar que se recuperen los costos del procesamiento de los servicios de inmigración, en vez de solventar esos servicios con dinero de los impuestos. El último análisis y revisión de cuotas del INS fue durante el año fiscal de

1999. El incremento de \$20 en la cuota promedio por solicitud se ajusta a la inflación y recupera la inversión de los costos de infraestructura que no están incluidos en las cuotas actuales. El ajuste en las cuotas provee al INS con los fondos necesarios para procesar peticiones y solicitudes de inmigración nuevas en una forma puntual".

Thelma G. Sullivan, consejera de estudiantes internacionales en UTB/TSC, dijo que la puntualidad del INS en procesar documentos ha estado empeorando, así que espera el incremento apresure las cosas. "Recordar haber visto el Centro de Servicio de Texas en Mesquite, el cual sirve a Texas, Oklahoma y Louisiana", dijo Sullivan. "Podíamos solicitar un documento y obtenerlo en tres meses. Ahora, estoy feliz si

lo obtenemos en seis".

Algunos de los aumentos quizás sean más altos de lo esperado.

"El aumento promedio va de \$20 a \$25, pero algunos subirán hasta \$50", dijo Sullivan.

Ella dijo que los afectados son las personas que sus documentos están en proceso.

"Los residentes que planean hacerse ciudadanos ... como las personas buscando [residencia] ... o estudiantes graduados que están buscando su permiso de trabajo", dijo Sullivan.

Actualmente, las cuotas afectarán sólo a tres de cuatro estudiantes internacionales que se gradúan esta primavera, dijo la consejera. Sin embargo, ella no supo el número de estudiantes que son residentes o que están buscando la ciudadanía.

Además de esas cuotas,

Sullivan dijo que el próximo año los estudiantes internacionales tendrán que tener una credencial que electrónicamente los identificará cada vez que entren o salgan del país. El costo de ese servicio no ha sido anunciado.

Sullivan dijo que la medida es parte del nuevo acto anti-terrorista, el cual permitirá al INS tener un mejor control de la gente que entra y sale del país.

Alain Lefort, un estudiante de Matamoros de ingeniería tecnológica de manufactura, quien solicitará un permiso de trabajo, expresó su descontento con el aumento de las cuotas.

"No sé cómo justifican el incremento de una solicitud", dijo Lefort. "Parece como que están haciendo esto para hacer más difícil a los extranjeros el obtener una visa".

El también expresó su

descontento con el servicio que ha recibido de los agentes del INS.

"No es el sistema el que necesita ser mejorado, es la calidad de su gente", dijo el. "Solo porque somos mexicanos no quiere decir que somos inferiores o que merecemos ser tratados groseramente. No es el sistema lo que ellos necesitan cambiar, pero su gente y su mentalidad".

El también dijo que no tiene problema alguno para pagar por su credencial electrónica si eso va a mantener un mejor control de las entradas y salidas.

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Tiempo Nuevo

Opinión: Colunga olvida a sus seguidores

Por Ildefonso Ortiz

Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

La universidad se vistió de gala. Tanto los dirigentes, como los empleados y algunos estudiantes de la universidad se vistieron para la bienvenida de Mr. Amigo y el invitado de Honor de Matamoros.

El público consistió tanto de personas mayores que recordaban a Cesar Costa cantando rock como de jóvenes ansiosas de ver a Fernando Colunga, conocido por sus estilizaciones en varias novelas. En la opinión de muchas personas el título de Mr. Amigo es un reconocimiento no solo a la carrera del individuo sino a su profesionalismo y a su valor como persona. Esto es muy cierto de Cesar Costa.

Mientras estaba entrevistando a Costa sobre su carrera y su presencia en este evento, el dueño la entrevista para recibir a una niña pequeña que venía vestida de charrita. La charrita le pidió a Costa su autógrafo y él no dudó en dudar la entrevista para firmarle su sombrero a la pequeña.

Mi acompañante se impresionó y comentó que Costa sí sabe por qué llegó al lugar donde está. "El no olvida al

público".

Me entristeció mucho no poder decir lo mismo del invitado de Honor de la Ciudad de Matamoros.

Colunga nunca llegó a la recepción que se organizó en el campus en su honor. El actor simplemente desapareció sin dar explicación alguna decepcionando a millares de aficionados.

Se especuló sobre la razón de la desaparición de Colunga pero no se sabe a ciencia cierta si fue causa de fuerza mayor, o alguna otra razón.

Lo que sí se a ciencia cierta es que una amiga quedó muy decepcionada puesto a que se moría de ganas de ver a Colunga quitarse la camisa para ponerse una de UTB/TSC, una tradición empezada por Jorge Salinas, el invitado de honor de 1999.

De hecho varios estudiantes no asistieron a clases para ir a presenciar el evento y conocer tanto a Costa como a Colunga. Pero las jóvenes quedaron decepcionadas.

Espero que la Ciudad de Matamoros seleccione más a sus invitados para que sus invitados sean no solo grandes en su carrera sino considerados del público.

¡Manteniendo la tradición viva!



COMO AZULAR COLLEGE

Varios pequeños de Brownsville y de Matamoros se vistieron con trajes típicos para asistir a la celebración "Manos Atrás de la Frontera" que se realizó el pasado jueves en el Puente Internacional Gateway. Los niños se vistieron para ir a recibir a Mr. Amigo 2001 y al invitado de Honor de Matamoros. Durante la ceremonia los niños de ambos países intercambiaron su bandera nacional en un acto solemne y representativo de la unión de ambas naciones.

Profesor del Mes

Por Ildefonso Ortiz

Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Nombre: Verónica Galván Carlan

Título académico: Profesora de instrucción del currículo en la Facultad de Educación.

Clases que enseña: Psicología educativa, clases para la educación de la niñez temprana (los niños en el kinder hasta el 4to grado) dados a los estudiantes universitarios aún no graduados como a los postgraduados.

Títulos profesionales:



Maestría especializada en la educación elemental (principal) de la Universidad de Texas Panamericana. Doctorado especializado en la instrucción del currículo de la Universidad de Houston.

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¿Qué la motiva? "El saber que cuando muera será responsable ante Dios por lo que he hecho con mis dones. ... Dios me va a preguntar. ¿Qué has hecho con los dones que te di? Eso es lo que me motiva. [El saber] de que mi trabajo y todo lo que hago es parte de esa jornada [espiritual]. Y parte de esa jornada es ayudar a los estudiantes aquí a darse cuenta de sus dones [o talentos], y cómo van a utilizarlos, y cuáles son las opciones que esos dones les traen y como usarlos poderlos en práctica de una mejor manera. Sinceramente, eso es lo que me motiva cada día. [También, cuando uno sale del camino del progreso], ¿cómo puedo yo ayudarlos a mantenerse en el camino? ¿Ves? Eso me es muy importante. ¿Que papel tengo yo en ayudar [al estudiante] a

volver a progresar?"

¿Pasatiempos: "Probablemente, mi pasatiempo predilecto es pasar el tiempo con mis nietos ... y mis hijos. ... Me encanta caminar [con mi esposo], la diversión, — y jugar con mis gatos".

¿Cuáles son sus metas a corto y a largo plazo? "Mi meta a corto plazo es disfrutar del semestre. ¿A largo plazo? Probablemente, es hacer lo mejor que pueda en la enseñanza ... ser recordada por mis discípulos como alguien que realmente les ayudó. En realidad es llegar al cielo".

Anécdota: "Jamás olvidaré una vez que una mujer estaba bien enojada en el acopuerto. Esto pasó antes del 11 de septiembre. Y ella

se puso bien agitada, estaba gritando a todos los presentes. [La mujer] estaba tratando de supervisar nuestro movimiento de un lado al otro porque había tantos problemas. [Cuando llegó a mí me preguntó], ¿A dónde vas tú? Y le dije, 'Al cielo.' Ella no sabía como responder".

Si pudiera cambiar algo en el campus ¿qué haría? "Un edificio nuevo para la facultad de educación. No sé si cambiaría el campus, pero me gustaría si todos pudieran tener más tiempo juntos. Los estudiantes están tan ocupados que no tienen tiempo de disfrutar de la vida universitaria del campus y nosotros [los profesores] estamos tan ocupados que no podemos realmente disfrutar de la vida universitaria del campus [tampoco]".

On Campus

Winning essay

'Racism is declining in America, but class division remains'

Editor's note: Louise Goforth, a sophomore art education major, won first place in the university's Martin Luther King Essay Contest. She received \$100 and a plaque during a ceremony at the SET-B Lecture Hall last Tuesday. Following is Goforth's essay.

Racism is here today as well as it was in previous years. Racism permeates many parts of our society and destroys our lives and dreams. It is not out in the open where one can see it, but is deeply hidden where it is most difficult to fight. Racism causes class divisions by the restrictions that can be put in place to keep certain people in one class and other people in another class. Although it is hidden from view, racism still exists as much now as it did in the turbulent 1960s and before, and it is revealed through the language, behavior, laws and

attitudes of many different classes of people.

Many people hide their true feelings about certain races. They only reveal themselves through their actions and what they say. Some make comments about a person, to that person or to others about that person. Sometimes a person is excluded from a club or other organization because of their race. Often, even if they are included in groups, they are only tolerated or ignored by others in that group. There are rules and laws that appear fine on the surface, but which keep people from succeeding. In some schools, many children are passed along in the grades. This is thought to help children, but in truth it hurts them. Most of these children are poor, and most poor people are minorities or immigrants. These students usually end up in the life of poverty and more illiteracy.

"There are more than 40 million functionally illiterate adults in the United States. That's 40 million adults who cannot fill out a job application, write checks on their own ..." (Illiteracy 1). The jobs that the poor have to do not cover the cost of transportation, childcare, and other costs they would have if they were wanted an education, paid for by a college grant. There are many rules put in place to keep the poor where they are and in effect to keep certain races poor. Often there are different rules that are voted in by the majority, and the minority does not have a say whether it likes it or not. Yes, the poor can succeed if they struggle for years and years against the systems put in place to keep them in a certain class. These things keep people in one class and keep them poor, without any hope of a good future for themselves or their children. I

wonder why it should be easy for one class or race to sail through doing the same thing that one of a different class or race has to struggle against all odds, just to have a decent life.

Living in a new neighborhood can be a challenge for new families of certain races. Many neighbors treat the new people wrong. Some just ignore them, which is worse. The children who live there are allowed to treat the new children without respect. The new family is not made to either feel welcome to the neighborhood or to be part of the families who already live in the area. This causes much hate and resentment on the new family's part, and so the cycle continues. There is a need for more tolerance and understanding of each other.

"Every oppressed group develops feelings of powerlessness, self-hate, self-blame or self-doubt in relation to the

oppressor" (American Pictures 10). These feelings last throughout the generations and are very hard to weed out so that the family can be successful in their lives.

Racism can change a person's life by withholding the things they need to succeed, such as good jobs, education, a nice place to live, and acceptance by society. All of these things are necessary to have a chance at a successful life. Racism causes division between the classes. When racism is dealt with honestly, then many of these other problems can also begin to be solved. Only then will the classes begin to help each other and find ways for one another to have successful lives.

(Works cited: American Pictures, Insights about Oppression; Volunteers Working to Eliminate Illiteracy.)

SGA

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Tracheta also spoke about the University of Texas health system insurance plan and how it is an affordable alternative for students.

—SGA Secretary Monica Villarreal addressed the attendance problem some of the SGA executive board members have been having and said warning letters were going out to these members.

—Biweekly committee payment leader Alex Salinas said the panel still is collecting signatures and that Dean of Students Mari Fuentes-Martin has pledged to support the issue. Salinas said no date has been set for the committee's first meeting, but that it will be announced as soon as it is known.

—SGA President Ana Perez announced that SGA Vice President Claudia Rodriguez had submitted her resignation to the SGA.

Secretary Villarreal was then nominated to succeed Rodriguez. The SGA executive council voted unanimously to elect Villarreal to office. Eric Morales, Liberal Arts Junior representative, was then nominated to take the spot vacated by Villarreal. He was also elected unanimously. Alex Salinas was nominated and elected unanimously to take the position vacated by Morales. The three were then sworn in to their new posts.

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Sports

Scorpions swept by Palominos

By Trey Mendez

Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Scorpions lost all four games to the Laredo Palominos in a series Feb. 23-24 in Scorpion Field. Scores for the games were 6-5, 7-6, 18-1 and 17-10.

In the first game, the Palominos got off to a hot start, scoring two runs off Scorpion starter Julio Ruiz in the top of the first inning. The Scorpions answered the call, picking up a run of their own on a solo homer by Ruiz, but the Palominos got three more runs

that scored center fielder Marcus Townsend. Laredo added a run in the top of the sixth for the 6-1 lead. The Scorpions mounted a rally in the bottom of the seventh inning, scoring two runs on Negron's second homer of the day, cutting the lead to one with no outs, but the top of the Scorpion lineup failed to deliver as the Scorpions lost the game 6-5.

Ruel Garza started game two for the Scorpions and held the Palominos scoreless for the first three innings while his team staked him to a 1-0 lead

advantage. The Scorpions added a run on a Townsend homer in the bottom of the fifth and another run in the seventh on a homer by Ruiz, who played right field. Another Palomino ran had the game at 7-3 after seven innings, but the Scorpions scored two in the eighth inning on back-to-back singles by shortstop Brian Lopez and Ruiz. With one out, the score stood at 7-5 when Green stepped up and delivered what seemed to be a game-tying double down the first base line. The umpire failed to call the ball as either fair or foul and both Ruiz and Lopez scored. After several minutes of deliberations between coaches and umpires, the ball was called foul and the Scorpions could not get back in the game despite a run in the ninth, losing 7-6.

The third game was called after five innings because of the 10-run rule as the Scorpions lost 18-1. The lone run came in the first inning when Townsend crossed the plate on a single by first baseman Jerry Gonzalez. Scorpion starter Justin Sanchez lost the game for the Scorpions after having allowed nine runs, only two of which were earned.

The fourth game of the series, which did not count toward conference standings, had a lot of offense, as both teams scored 27 runs in the seven-inning game. The Palominos got off to a 9-1 lead after two innings, as Scorpion starter Dominic Capehart was taken out of the game early, having allowed six runs in one full inning of work. Capehart

on a single by first baseman Brian Green in the first inning. Disaster struck in the fourth when the Palominos pounced across five runs on three doubles and a home run for a 5-1



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Scorpion first baseman Brian Green hits a controversial liner down the first base line in the first game Feb. 23 vs. the Laredo Community College Palominos. Green's hit, which would have tied the game, was eventually called foul.

was relieved by Hiram Lopez, who pitched five more innings. UTB/TSC scored four runs in the third inning to pull to within four at 9-5. The runs came on a double by Lopez, a single by Ruiz and a single by first baseman Gonzalez.

That would be as close as the Scorpions would get, as the Palominos scored another eight runs in the last three innings to win the game 17-10. Left fielder Chris Moody hit a grand slam in the seventh inning for the Scorpions.

After losing two one-run ballgames, head coach Eric Gonzalez said his team needs to stay alert to avoid letting those games slip away.

"If we would have been able to make one less error, get one more base hit, one more out, [we could have won]," Gonzalez said. "We are not playing good enough to win those one-run ballgames."

"The fire is in them, they can

come back at any time, but we just can't have any breakdowns. We have a great ball club, we just haven't been consistent."

Gonzalez also said his team needs to keep its focus and intensity throughout the game, not just when they are down.

"We need to keep the same intensity throughout the game and try to score at least one run every inning," Gonzalez said. "Sometimes we go up there and lose focus on what we are doing and that is not helping us out."

After the series, the Scorpions' record stands at 3-12 overall, with a 3-9 conference record. Scores from a three-game conference series vs. Wharton County Community College in Wharton were not available at press time. They will next face Blinn College in a three-game home series this weekend. There will be a doubleheader at noon Saturday and a single game at 11 a.m. Sunday.



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UTB/TSC second baseman Dalwin Negron rounds third base after hitting a clutch two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning of the first game vs. Laredo Feb. 23. It was Negron's second home run of the day.

in the top of the third inning to take a 5-1 lead. In the bottom half, the Scorpions brought home two runs on a home run by second baseman Dalwin Negron and a triple by Ruiz

Athlete of the Week

By Trey Mendez

Sports Editor

Name: Randy Almaguer

Sport: Baseball

Position: Pitcher

High School: Richard King

High School in Corpus Christi

Favorite Pitch: Curveball

Classification: Freshman

What is your approach in a bases-loaded situation?

"Well, it's all on me. When its bases loaded, you have to step it up yourself and make

the right pitch. You have to make them hit what you want, or make them chase something away."

How would you describe yourself as a pitcher?

"As soon as I step on the mound, I get focused on what I need to do. I relax, I don't show too much emotion unless things get out of hand. As a pitcher you need to have a lot of patience with your team and with yourself."

How do you see your role on the team?

"My role is to help the team as best I can. If it means facing one batter, I'll do that or if I need to come in and put out the fire for the rest of the game, I'll do that."

Who is your favorite player?

"My favorite player is [Atlanta Braves pitcher] Greg Maddux. He has good control and a lot of movement on his pitches."

What are your long-term goals?

"I want to see how far baseball takes me and go from there. I wouldn't mind being a coach, either."



Andy Brown Collection

Viewpoint

Spring Break dos and don'ts

By Alex Rivera

Columnist

Spring Break is just around the corner and I thought I'd give you some dos and don'ts regarding this yearly event.

So what does the normal guy think of when he hears Spring Break? Well, he thinks of no school, alcohol galore, parties and completely crazy girls you've never seen doing things you will want to see again. It gives you an idea of what the civilized people in the history books felt like when they saw the barbarian tribes invade. The only difference, of course, is that they didn't have wet T-shirt contests then.

Now for those of you who are going to Spring Break for the first time this year, what can you expect? I don't know—anything is possible at these alcohol-consuming, anatomy-flashing, just-get-crazy-if-you-can fests that will mold a growing child into an immature man and forever corrupt his little mind. Enough of this chit chat, let's get on with the show.

OK, read on, you Spring Break virgins (these are people who have never done Spring Break), for these tips might save your life and, hopefully, make you laugh a little. Let's start with the obvious: drinking. It is OK to drink but you must be 21 or older. I know you are saying what a drag but the law is the law. You can bet the police will be all over this issue again this year. If you break the law, you might spend the night in jail, where you might make the acquaintance of a Bubba. If you meet him, pray he doesn't ask you for any beads.

This is also a good time to get that square friend of yours involved in the vacation. For those of you out there saying, "Ah, he really cares about his friend," no, not really; it's just that someone has to be the designated driver. Then again you might want to consider getting a woman to be the designated driver because the nerdy

guy might not be able to keep his eyes on the road with all the previously mentioned anatomy flashing.

You might also want to limit your drinking. I've asked around and almost everyone agrees that it is not a wise thing to pass out drunk among strange people. Next thing you know you might find yourself naked, tied to a pole, while a bunch of crazy college kids dance around, summoning the great hairy ape Kong himself.

Remember the reason we go to Spring Break is to gather wonderful memories and experiences that will live with us until we die. You don't want to have to resort to a copy of "College People Gone Wild: The South Padre Island Edition" to remember what it was that you did.

But here is the best advice: If you are from the Valley, you might not want to do anything you'll regret later because unlike those Spring Break birds who migrate down here, you have to stay here and face everyone the following week when we resume school. You don't want everyone to remember you as the lecherous guy or the girl whose anatomy everyone has memorized. If possible, try not to drink. You don't need alcohol to have fun. If you need the whole beer thing with Spring Break, then try root beer.

I know some of our college kids are poor and don't have a good car to drive to the Island, but I hear that riding a bike for long distances is good exercise. I wouldn't recommend hitchhiking because who knows what kind of psychos are out there. I hear the bus is inexpensive.

For those with few bucks or who are squares, you can watch the week on MTV again this year. You should really try to get out more, however, so fill your little brother or sister's pool and get in there because that is about as close to the Island feel as you are going to get.

If you get in trouble, remember what Shaggy used to say, "It wasn't me!" For now, this is the Rookie signing off, saying let's get wild!



"Hey, bub, which way to Padre?"

Student Soapbox

What are your plans for Spring Break?

"I was going to go to the Island, but it gets really packed, so I'm planning to go to Monterrey with my friends."

—Lisa Galindo
Freshman communications major

"I'll probably go to San Antonio or stay here."

—Jaime de Leon
Freshman

"I'll probably go across to

Matamoros because it's more fun and everything's pretty much legal over there. I might go to the Island because I heard there was going to be some great concerts."

—Juan Rogelio Kent
Freshmen government major

"Just party and cruise around at the Island."

—Santiago Castillo
Sophomore music major

—Compiled by Jackie Chaves

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Bold color, style in 'Dos Caras' exhibit

By A.D. Rocha
Staff Writer

As a preamble to the Charro Days festivities, Amigos Artistas, a non-profit group formed to support local art, presented its inaugural exhibition, "Dos Caras del Sur de Texas," featuring the work of Carlos G. Gómez, professor of Fine Arts at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southwest College, and Cesar Martinez, San Antonio artist.

Each with his own set of iconography, Gómez and Martinez represent and remark on the Mexican-American culture with striking works that rely not only on the readily recognizable symbols of this culture, but are also drenched in the color that is a definite part of the culture.

Martinez makes reference to traditional Mexican and European folklore in "La Malinche as Carmen." The acrylic-on-canvas piece depicts the legendary woman as a Spanish señorita at an abstracted flight.

He illustrates "barrio" life in the series of portraits depicting everyday vices (duches) and fulanas (broads).

The color-infused and stylized faces are set against equally bold planes of intense color that divide the background. Although static, the forceful and direct poses of figures, such as "La Chata" and "Chago," prevent them from falling into the realm of the cartoonish.

Martinez's mixed-media pieces, such as the visually loaded "Reinvented Icon for This Place and Time" and the less congested "Las Americas" and "Europa," interpose Aztec imagery with earth tones that nonetheless is impressive.

Incorporating his accustomed stripes and, of course,

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the jalapeño in works such as "Tie Tac Toe," Gómez makes an impact with the use of brilliant color, which even in smaller, uncomplicated pieces, such as "La Mirada" and "Celos," which although monochromatic, still create an impact.

Two pieces in particular are noteworthy for their saturation of color and their derivation from Gómez's usual style.

Unlike earlier work that featured smoothly blended figures, "First Kiss," one of his more recent works, has a vivaciousness that is refreshing. The diagonal movement of the piece is created by the boldly lashed-on colors that form the nearly indecipherable figure.

Also in this style is the "Grand Odalisque." In a take-off of the traditional subject, the loose application of paint is interspersed with the familiar impeccable stripes and two cunningly painted rats.

The exhibit continues through March 23 at the Historic Brownsville Museum, 641 E. Madison.

THE ENLIGHTENED ONES



TELL YOU WHAT TO DO...

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): There will be a lot of controversy in your life this weekend; your apparent victory in the jalapeño-eating contests will be nullified when the Russian judge disqualifies you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): When you find yourself facing writer's block, don't ask for guidance from a big white crane; you might just find yourself more confused that when you started.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be sunbathing at the beach when, all of a sudden, a mob of college football players stomp all over you yelling, "Bu-yah!"

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your chin up, there are only 28 days until Lent ends! You gave up

what? Oh, man, you're in deep trouble my friend, deep trouble.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Contrary to popular belief, Cantinflas is not going to be Mr. Amigo, though we'd like him to be.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Spring Break Tip No. 87: Wear an ID bracelet when you're knocked-out drunk; at least someone will know where to take you.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Tip for Spring Break No. 45: When eating tacos in Mexico, it's not nice to tell the kids from up north that "lilaucha" means "marinated beef" in Spanish.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Go to class, you may not get the charro of the month award you always wanted.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Men: Please don't walk around the island with a mixed drink.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Annoy people at work by loudly singing the "Chia Pet" theme song; you will get that well-deserved week off after that.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Holy, cow dung hatman! They are censoring me! Speak your voice, no matter the consequences. Let it be heard.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spring Break. Now that I have your attention, make sure to wear sun block at the beach. You wouldn't want you to get a serious, blister-popping, skin-irritating, cancer-causing sunburn, would you?

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